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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



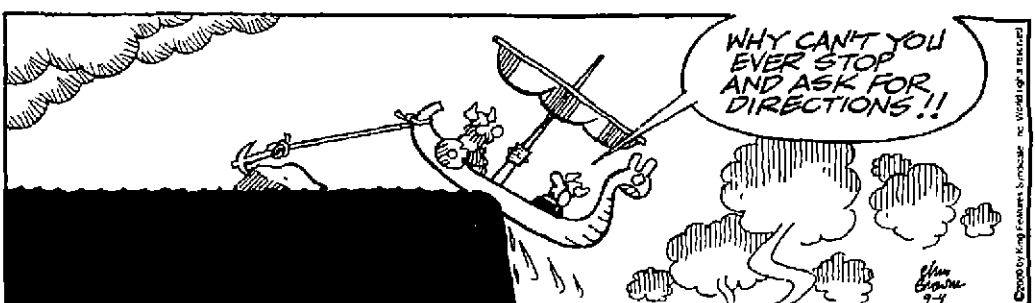
JUMP START



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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



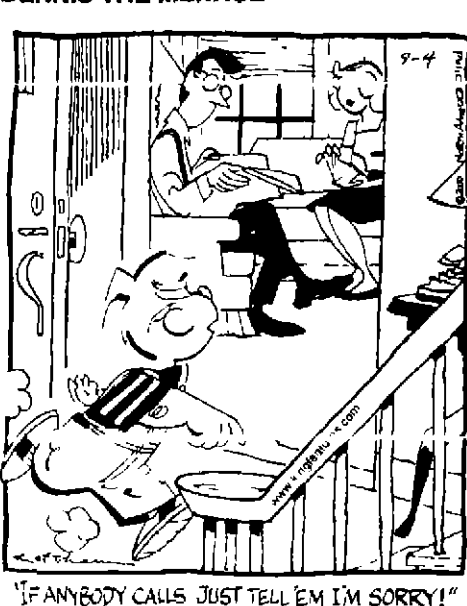
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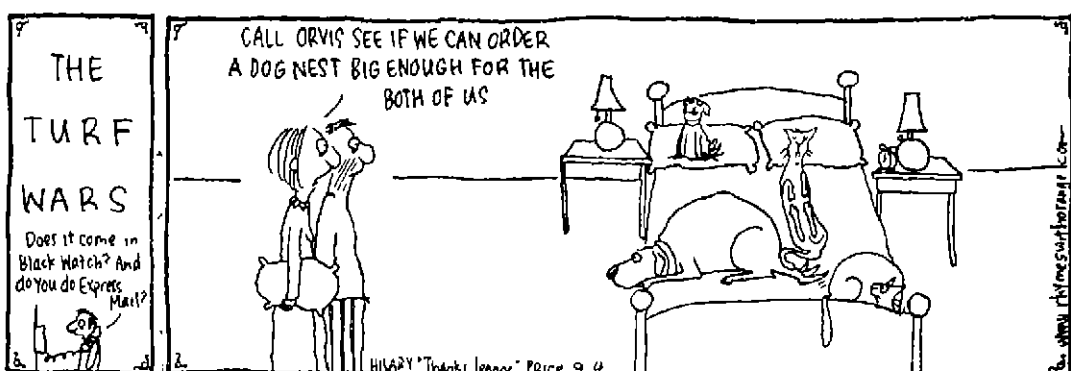
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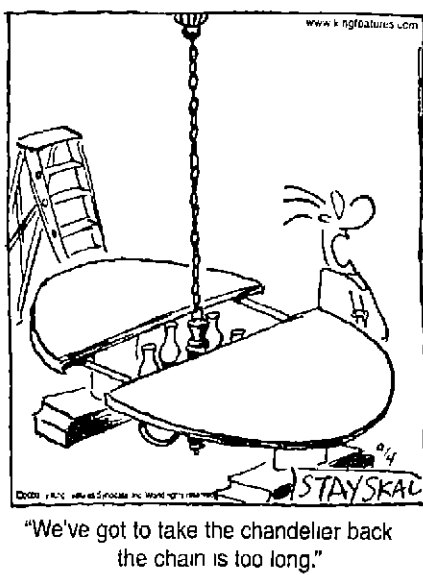
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



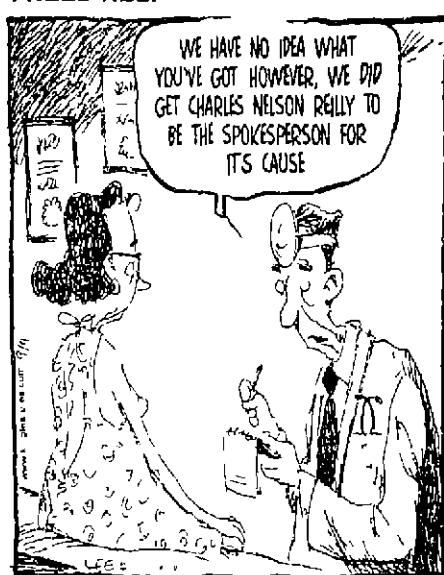
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

ABC Radio commentator **Paul Harvey** is 82
Actor-comedian **Howard Morris** is 81
Actress **Mitzi Gaynor** is 69
Singer **Merald "Bubba" Knight** (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 58
Actress **Jennifer Salt** is 56
Golfier **Tom Watson** is 51
Rhythm-and-blues musician **Ronald LaPread** (The Commodores) is 50
Actress **Judith Ivey** is 49
Actor-comedian **Damon Wayans** is 40

I NEED HELP



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O	O	O	K	C	T	U	High Word Score
N	E	E	S	L	D	T	Double Word Score
O	O	R	S	S	B	E	One Letter Triple
Y	I	L	O	L	V	E	One Letter Triple

PAR SCORE 145-155 by **JUDD**

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill Webster and C.S.W. Gilchrist Scrabble Words (Chambers) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-400

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) For once it will be OK to yield to temptation and act without a safety net.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A little humility will make others take you far more seriously.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take the plunge if you've been avoiding what you know is inevitable.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be sure to put your emotional and personal health before external affairs.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Don't be afraid to let your hair down and be a little bit outrageous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Much to your regret, an irritating reality of life will catch up with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A surprise is likely to be sprung on you — good thing that you're feeling ready for virtually anything.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Following the advice of a loved one will help you avoid making a foolish decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your day will be filled with challenges and deeds well done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Take the time to appreciate the forces that help ground you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A positive series of events will be set into place by an unexpected occurrence.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you feel the need to get wild, do so in an appropriate setting.

WORD SLEUTH

BRIDGES

AWURPMJVHECZXUS
QNNIOISNEPSUSLJG
ECZXVATRPRPNLJHE
PCAYSWVRTDPNLK
OIGHSEDACBYZXWU
NSRUUEPZOMOLJLG
TTCARTNOCILGLEN
ODBETAGNEDLOGJI
OAVBYENOTSTAETHW
NODNOLXWUTSFNQ S
CPONLKJHGF FDCDB

Saturday's unlisted clue: **ROADRUNNER**

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: **Temporary Floating Bridge**

Beau	Jeff	Nash	Truss
Contract	Land	Suspension	Verrazano
Covered	Lloyd	Swing	Wheatstone
Golden Gate	London	Toll	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South took dummy's heart ace and led a club to his queen, losing to West's king. West made a routine shift to diamonds to drive out South's ace, and the worst was yet to come. When South led a trump and West discarded, it was all over for South. He could not avoid two trump losers, these, together with two minor-suit losers, sent the game one down. South could not be blamed for failing to foresee the poor luck in trumps. However, he missed an opportunity to make a good trade at trick one. Instead of winning dummy's heart ace, he should have allowed West's deuce to ride toward his 10. Had West led from the queen (a good probability), South's 10 would win, and South would have no side-suit losers. When East surprises with the heart queen at trick one and shifts to diamonds, South wins his ace and leads a trump to receive the bad news. No matter. He wins dummy's trump ace and leads high hearts from dummy, discarding minor-suit losers. East can score two trump winners at will, but South brings home his 10 winners.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A Q J	♠ K J 7	♠ A Q J	♠ K J 7
♥ A K T 4	♥ Q 8 1	♥ A Q J	♥ K Q 8 6
♦ 10 7 2	♦ K Q 8 6	♦ 10 7 2	♦ K Q 8 6
♣ K J 8 4 2	♣ 10 9 7	♣ K J 8 4 2	♣ 10 9 7

Vulnerable: North South
Dealer: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Heart deuce

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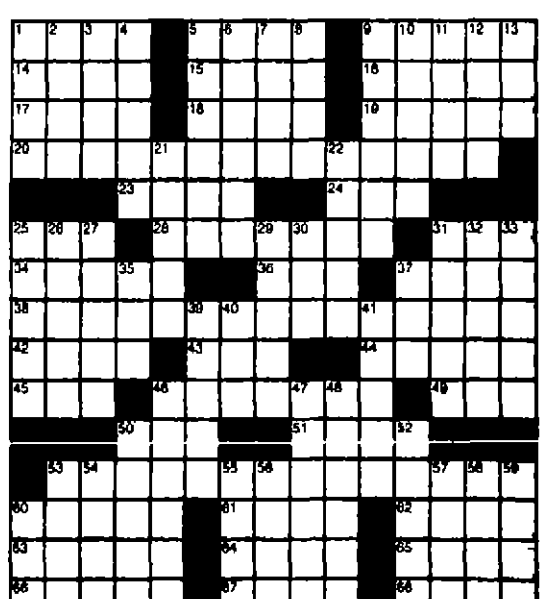
1 Dept. of Labor division
5 Be ill-humored
9 Bloodhound's clue
14 Erupt
15 Shortly
16 Handles the situation
17 Go around the Internet
18 Monopoly equipment
19 Ralph's wife, on "The Honeymooners"
20 Nonstop
23 1970 Kinks hit
24 Rooster's mate
25 Little League coach, often
26 Firefighter, at times

31 Sault ____ Mane
34 Change with the times
36 Broke bread
37 Fisherman's buckful
38 Nonstop
42 Willy of "Free Willy"
43 Perceive
44 Suitably
45 Hillary Clinton, ____ Rodham
46 ____ tank
49 Sushi fish
50 Instigate litigation
51 Spring bloom
53 Nonstop
60 Main impact
61 Ill-mannered
62 Lasso
63 "Last ____ in Paris"

64 Comparable
65 Submachine guns
66 Out-and-out
67 Sugar source
68 Repressed, with "up"

DOWN

1 Mount in Greek myth
2 It's used with a "giddyup!"
3 Medal recipient
4 More than bad
5 Word before shoe or soap
6 #19 of the Colts
7 ____ Ness
8 Where a cap is found on the body
9 Tackle box gizmo
10
11 Grand in scale
12 Bottle part
13 When doubled, an African fly
21 Toward cooler weather, say
22 "Give me an A ____," e.g.
23 Matt of "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
26 Like a lot
27 "Shall we ____?"
28 Handle the food for a party
30 Rocky Mountain Indian
31 "A volte ____" (toast)



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FISTS PAS ASCAP
INPUT ALD OARLA
ASHBY LEISURELY
STEALMAGNOLIAS
CARSEAT ALT MYS
OLE LIBLE TEAK
BUENO SIERRA
PASSEOTENTS
DUANOW AWARE
BENE RISER SAM
DHT DTS EQUIPSE
AHIREAUTHORITY
OVERDRIVE BARRE
AROAR AER ATEAR
SENSE HAS REALS

32 Card catalogue entry
33 Kind of alcohol
35 Kind of meeting at a school
37 Certain jazz
39 Fair-faced
40 Service charge
41 Pokémon card collecting, e.g.
46 Gentleman caller
47 Annapolis student

48 Gung-ho
50 "The Playboy of the Western World" author
52 Pancake topper
53 "Doggone it!"
54 Env. to Dorothy

56 Palestinian
57 Deadly missile
58 ____ arms (angry)
59 Audition
60 A.C. capacity

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